



## COMMUNITY ALERT!

Shalom dear friends,

An organization by the name of “Everlasting Life Outreach” is contacting any and all Jewish synagogues and organizations in the South Florida area in hope of scheduling a debate between a member of the Jewish community and Dr. Michael Brown who is a well-known Christian missionary and author. The head of this organization is a Michael Finesilver who serves as intermediary and organizer of these events.

Our counter-missionary organization, **Sha'arei Teshuva**, recently sent a small delegation to observe a debate firsthand. Though our presence was unobtrusive we were still made to feel very unwelcome and at times even threatened. The large majority of people in attendance were of Mr. Finesilver’s church and fellow Christian and “Messianic” congregations giving Dr. Brown a built-in “home crowd” as it were. As the debate progressed, the crowd showed itself to be increasingly hostile and disrespectful towards the Jewish speaker Rabbi Barry Silver.

Though the Jewish representative at this event presented his case well, what we witnessed was more akin to a townhall meeting than a debate. We even witnessed multiple outbursts which required the speaking clock to be restarted because Rabbi Silver was being interrupted.

Mr. Finesilver’s congregation has as its mission to convert every last Jew to Christianity. These “debates” serve no other purpose than to give Dr. Brown a pulpit to preach to the converted. In a long and heated exchange of emails between our organization and Mr. Finesilver, he expressed his zeal for pushing these debates as outreach tools for the proselytizing of the Jewish Community to either Christianity or “Messianic Judaism” which is simply repackaged Christianity.

We urge all members of the Jewish community to not support Mr. Finesilver and Dr. Brown by agreeing to a debate. Such events serve no end except to appear to lend credibility to those who call Judaism “incomplete” because we do not accept their idea of messiah. These events do not enhance mutual respect nor foster interfaith dialogue and in fact hinder it by polarizing the larger human community into “believers” and “non-believers”. No matter how well a Jewish delegate speaks, no matter how well he or she presents the facts from a Jewish perspective, the result will be the same. Ultimately, “Everlasting Life Outreach” will invariably proclaim a crushing victory in the name of Christianity, and all Jews whether they were party to the debate or not, will be tried in absentia as spiritually “lost” or “blind”.

These events are no more than a modern-day Disputation of Barcelona and serve as entertainment for those who wish to see Judaism put on trial.

The Jewish community has always valued the free exchange of ideas, healthy discussion and interfaith dialogue. Unfortunately, this isn’t the goal of Dr. Brown or Mr. Finesilver.

B’shalom,

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**Sha'arei Teshuva**

- **Sha'arei Teshuva** is committed to exposing the deceitful proselytizing tactics of “Messianic” missionaries and the Evangelical congregations that support them. We are here in defense of all Jewish communities across the spectrum of observance. For questions or more information on Sha'arei Teshuva, please visit our website: [www.stayjewish.org](http://www.stayjewish.org)
- And to see the missionaries targeting your community, see Everlasting Life Outreach at: <http://everlastinglifeoutreach.com/index.html>